

ATLANTIS

This is ATLANTIS, a journal of postal Diplomacy, edited and published by Christopher Schleicher, 1535 Dartmouth Lane, Deerfield, Illinois 60015. Carried within these hallowed pages are 1970 C, 1970 AJ, 1966 AIac, 1967 Vat, and 1967 Mab.

There are game openings at present; write for details, or consult ATLANTIS #26.

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"Fall 1903"

1970 C

R-1

RUSSIA STABBED BY ANGLO-GERMAN COALITION! LONG, COLD WINTER FOR TSAR?

ENGLAND (Becker):

F Bar (S) GERMAN A Kie-StP (via F Bot, F Bal)
A Norway (S) GERMAN A Kie-StP " "
F Swe (S) F North Sea-Den
F North Sea-Den

FRANCE (Comber):

A Tus-Ven
F Lyo-Tyr
A Mar-Pie
A Bur-Pic
F Wes (S) F Lyo-Tyr
F Mid-NAfr

TURKEY (Thompson):

A Bul-Con
F Aeg (S) A Bul-Con

GERMANY (Lakofka):

F Bot (C) A Kie-StP
F Bal (C) A Kie-StP
A Kie-StP
A Mun-Tyr
F Den /unordered, dielodged + annihilated/

ITALY (Gygax):

A Pie-Ven
A Ven-Rom
A Ser-Gre
F Adr-Ion
F Tun (S) F Tyr
F Tyr (S) F Tun

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kimmel): A Ukr-Mos

A Bud holds /dielodged=Ser/
A Tri (S) FRENCH A Tus-Ven

RUSSIA (Peery): A Vie (S) A Gal-Bud
 A Rum (S) A Gal-Bud
 A Gal-Bud
F Con (S) F Bla-Bul (ec) /dislodged=Ank, Smy/
 F Bla-Bul (ec)
A StP-Mos /dislodged=Liv/
F Fin-StP (sc)

Underlined moves do not succeed. The retreats for A Bud, F Con, & A StP are due as soon as possible, and not later than 14 October 1970 to Christopher Schleicher, 1535 Dartmouth Lane, Deerfield, Illinois 60015. The "Winter 1903" builds/removals will also be due this date, but notice that builds and/or removals may be dependant upon the direction of some retreats, therefore, it is well advised that builds and removals be made conditional upon such retreats.

"Winter 1903"

1970 C

R-1

ENGLAND (Becker): Liv, Lon, Edi, Nor, Swe, Den. (6) build 2
 FRANCE (Comber): Par, Mar, Bre, Bel, Spa, Por, Ven. (7) build 1
 TURKEY (Thompson): Con, Smy, Bul. (2) no change /unless Russia retreats F Con-Smy, in which case, Smy, remove 1/
 GERMANY (Lakofka): Ber, Mun, Kie, Hol, Vad, StP. (5) build 1
 ITALY (Gygax): Rom, Vad, Nap, Tri, Tun, Ser, Gre. (5) remove 1 /unless Austria retreats A Bud-Ser, in which case, Tri, remove 2/
 AUSTRIA (Kimmel): Vad, Gre, Vad, Tri. (1) remove 2 /unless A Bud-Ser, in which case, Ser, remove 1/
 RUSSIA (Peery): Mos, War, StP, Sev, StP, Vie, Ank, Bul. (6) remove 1 /unless F Con-Smy, in which case Smy, no change/
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Gain = Vad. Builds/removals are due 14 October 1970.
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"Winter 1901"

1970 AJ

R-2

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Thompson): Builds A Tri, A Vie
 FRANCE (Inzer): Builds F Bre
 ENGLAND (Lakofka): Builds F Liv, F Lon
 ITALY (Gygax): Builds A Ven, F Nap /Reprint of carbon announcement/
 RUSSIA (Gaylord): Builds A War, A Mos
 GERMANY (Vacant): No builds received
 TURKEY (Vacant): No builds received

"Spring 1902" moves are due 8 October 1970.

PRESS RELEASES - 1970 C

St. Petersburg; 2 July 1903:

In an emergency meeting of the Duma today the Prime Minister, Grand Prince Alexi Sergevitch today told them, and the Russian people, that the changing military situation in northern Europe required the evacuation of the nation's capitol. The Grand Prince said, "We have been betrayed. Our supposed allies, England and Germany with whom we have always had the warmest of relations, have turned on our armed forces. Striking them unawares, the English fleet attacked our small naval flotilla in Stockholm. We are now informed that English marines have sieged our ambassador in Sweden, Count Feador Byrinski, and have him imprisoned. There are unconfirmed reports that His Majesty, King Oscar has been assassinated by English soldiers. The situation is grave, even now German fleets are approaching the entrance to St. Petersburg. The entire Baltic is in their hands. Those units of the Russian navies still at large have been ordered to make a last effort near their base at Kronstadt while this city is evacuated.

"There is no hope that the northern front can be maintained. The Imperial General Staff has recommended that, in order to avoid needless bloodshed, all Russian forces in the northern areas be evacuated. This is being done. This city has been declared an Open City under international agreement.

"The Government and General Staff is moving south. However, Russians everywhere are even now rushing to the defense of their Holy Motherland. New armies will be raised and our capitol will be freed from these hated foreigners. Russia will be victorious! Though all Europe turns against us, We will triumph!"

With these words the Prime Minister and members of the Imperial General Staff moved out of the Winter Palace and headed for Moscow. It is not known at this time how far south the Government will move. It is understood in some circles here that the Government intends to move to join Russian armies in the southern fronts. The possibility of a Government-in-exile is also being considered. The Royal Family, their art collection, the Imperial Treasury have all been moved south. Preparations are underway at Kronstadt to destroy Russia's major northern naval base.

It was understood that the Government has dispatched an urgent appeal to the French for aid in Russia's hour of need. Only an immediate French intervention can save the northern portions of the nation.

Meanwhile, Radio St. Petersburg, in a morning broadcast, interviewed Fleet Captain Ignor Petropovlsk, formerly commander of the Russian battleship Grand Duke Peter, which was torpedoed by a German submarine off of Malmo; the Captain told listeners that, "It was horrible. The fleet was at rest, most of the crews were on shore-leave. A quiet Sunday morning. Mass had been said already. Suddenly, all hell broke loose. Torpedoes were everywhere. Every battleship except the Grand Duke Peter was hit in the first salvo. The Grand Duke Michael went down with all hands, the Grand Duke Konstantine turned bottoms up, and then rolled onto its side. Only three survivors. The Simperfol beached itself, saving many lives. Really, it had to be the worst Russian naval disaster in history. At least five thousand men were killed. The cream of the Russian Navy."

However, all was not gloomy. The situation in the south was a totally different story. Here Russian forces were victorious and the Holy Crusade appeared a certain success:

Constantinople; 2 July 1903:

Grand Admiral Hordal Vestok, Commander of the Black Seas Fleet, today announced that the Second Rome had been occupied by Russian Naval and Marine units. Aboard the Grand Duchess Charlotte the Admiral announced that only the southern coastline of Turkey remained to be occupied.

Vienna; 5 July 1903:

Russian Army Units in this city today announced that the occupation of Austria had begun. Prince Borzoi, who has been named Provisional Governor of Austria, has installed his Government here and is directing Russian forces near Budapest.

Budapest; 7 July 1903:

Russian Soldiers began the siege of this city today and its fall is expected at any time. It is reported that His Imperial Majesty Czar Nicholas II has arrived here and joined General Silvela's Army.

Sevastopol; 8 July 1903:

Russian Marines here today began erecting fortifications in the streets as rumors of Austrian soldiers outside the city were heard.

Warsaw; 7 August 1903:

Considering the situation in the northern regions, the Major-General in command here has ordered the erection of fortifications in the city's approaches.

/From the Roetov Times, 3 August 1903/

In a column in this major daily, Military Affairs editor General Yedishev Borilok (ret.) today noted: "The effectiveness of the German-British doublecross, which was a masterful stroke, was made more so by its surprise, the completeness with which it was executed, and the lack of preparation on the part of Russia. All in all, a well-done piece of work. My hat's off to the perpetrators."

Moscow; 6 November 1903:

The Russian Government has issued the following policy statement: "We will make no moves to resist the German and English advance. We will continue to press our attacks in the south. There is only so much England and Germany can take. Then watch out!"

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED: One Arab houseboy. Must be clairvoyant and able to smell bad Diplomacy players. Apply Russian Embassy, New York.

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OOPS! ADD TO RUSSIAN SUPPLY CENTERS IN 1970 C: BUD, RUM. Russia thus builds 1 or 2 in "Winter 1903", depending on the direction of retreat for F Con.
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Spring 1911

1967 Vat

The Italian F SZan was not dislodged as previously reported. It was stood off by the Japanese. The Japanese move F Mad-SZan should therefore be underlined.

The Turkish A Smy retreats to Arm.

The Russian A Bul retreats to Con.

"Fall 1911" moves are due 30 October 1970 to Christopher Schleicher, 1535 Dartmouth Lane, Deerfield, Illinois 60015.

"Winter 1005"

1967 Mab

Princeps

HISPANIA (Linden): A Nar retreats to Ger. Removes F BBis.

PONTUS (Comber): A Moe retreats to LoD. Builds A Tra.

AFRICA (Gygax): Builds F Car, F Tha

EGYPT (White): No change.

BARBARIANS (Scarface): Will move Nubians-UpE, Quadi-Aqu in "Spring 1006".

Moves for "Spring 1006" are due 30 October 1970 to Christopher Schleicher, 1535 Dartmouth Lane, Deerfield, Illinois 60015.

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"Winter 1914"

1966 Alac

ITALY (Turner): Builds F Nap, A Rom, A Ven.

ENGLAND (Bailey): Builds F Tra, A Nig.

JAPAN (Comber): Builds F Tok /F Chi supported a non-existent Japanese unit in "Fall 1914" -- F SMag; I noted "no such unit", meaning F SMag. The only F SMag was Italian, and it was not ordered to move to Arg. OK? cgs/

USA (Linden): Retreats A Bol-Peru. Removes A Tex, A Venz; supports Panama Canal.

/Bill also proposes: "The global fronts have stabilized everywhere but in North America. The only further advance which can be made by either alliance is the conquest of Canada and the eastern seaboard. No shift in alliances appears likely. Therefore, the United States of America proposes a four-way draw. This is not a last-ditch bid for my survival, since I can hold out for long years in Chicago."

Comments from the players?/

Deadline for "Spring 1915" moves will be 30 October 1970 to Christopher Schleicher, 1535 Dartmouth Lane, Deerfield, Illinois 60015.

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PRESS RELEASES -- 1970 AJ

Marseilles, France; 21 April 1902:

The PARIS MATCH finds the Italian army more intolerable than ever.

Paris to Berlin:

What first appeared to be rampant Prussianism turns out to be Italian fascism. Our apologies for making this error. Join with us to wipe out this fascist pig.

Brest to London:

We build fleets where we damn well please, especially when we need them, and especially when our only other port is occupied. So sail where you want, but we have a treaty, and any violation on your part means war! (Fleet building in Brest was not mentioned in the treaty that you or I wrote.)

From the translations of Patrick Albormarion:

Thangorodrim 1037 FA

Somewhere in Mirkwood:

The littlest dwarf, Roddy Wacker, made ready in the dark of the night to begin his journey to Barad Hawley. He loaded his knapsack with scads of dwarf goodies, like frog's feet, pig's knees, cow's lips and various other parts and joints too numerous to mention. (It was noted that Roddy, who believed he was a great chef, always missed the right delicacy to suit the tastes of the people for whom he cooked, baked, fried, etc.) Lastly, the pure milk-white 'Saman' produced by Roddy's most skillful 'Master Bating' was placed on top of all of the other material, and off he went to seek the evil Morgoth of Barad Hawley, in Sanas A Diego.

The paths of Mirkwood were dark and damp, and progress was slow and arduous. Roddy soon longed for the peace of his little hovel in a high tree of the forest, but driven on by his desire for power, coupled with the pull of the SILMARIL he moved ever onward.

At the edge of the forest was the Inn of the Farting Cow, managed by the rather rotund, in mind and body, innkeeper, Dum Moeller. Dummy, as his friends called him, greeted Wacker with an abrupt belch, and promptly proceeded to allow some drivel to cascade over his 6 or 7 chins onto the poorly swept floor. Wacker, all three-foot, one quarter-inch of him, was agast and shocked, but followed the bulbous caf to a small room in the rear of the inn.

Later that evening, in the main room, a group of travelers were assembled, drinking and lying -- as was their pleasure. A portly young man sat in the corner of the room, smoking some grass (Mirkwood blue-grass, giving off an aroma of decaying horseflesh) and slowly oscillating from side to side while humming a low-pitched tune. Wacker sought the company of the young man -- he never did have a good sense for choosing friends -- and soon an animated conversation was in progress. The young man introduced himself as Prince Budding Trevanion of Rhovanion, heir to the throne (not all castles had indoor plumbing, so he was really looking forward to collecting his inheritance, and even some land in Rhovanion).

Another traveller in the main hall went totally unnoticed. Quiet and somber, in a dark corner of the room, he sat watching Wacker intently. The only movement that could be seen was the flashing of his bright blue eyes, which cast a faint glow of their own, and the occasional twisting of a large golden ring with a beautiful blue-white Acheronite stone.

On the next morning Moeller came to collect the proper reckoning from Wacker and asked him the destination of his journey. Wacker, using his head (a rare occasion, it is reported) decided to tell Moeller he was going to Rohan to meet a friend at the castle of Count Willie von Fluffy on the banks of River Entwash. Moeller pondered the statement for a long moment, and then bade Wacker a pleasant journey. Poor Moeller had the reputation for believing most of what anyone told him and then putting a death grip on his opinion and never changing it. Even when the logic of a situation was proved to him, he stuck to his rather bulbous guns.

Soon Wacker and Trevanion were off down the trail leading from Mirkwood. Neither noticed the tall figure clad in a deep-blue cloak who followed behind them on his stone-grey horse. Trevanion was singing a song as they rode on about "...without fear of elves, or dwarves, or ents, or men, or... ad infinitum...", a tune no one really grasped, but it did have a catchy melody.

/to be continued/